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Sir:

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We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the above-referenced patent application entitled: "TISSUE PRODUCTS CONTAINING A FLEXIBLE BINDER".

We hereby state that each of us has reviewed and understands the contents of the specification, including the claims and any accompanying drawings, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

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